

January 28, 2015

Honorable Madeline Hughes Haikala
Hugo L. Black United States Courthouse
1729 Fifth Ave. N., Room 319
Birmingham, AL 35203

RE: Hereford, et. al., vs. Huntsville Board of Education.

Dear Judge Haikala,

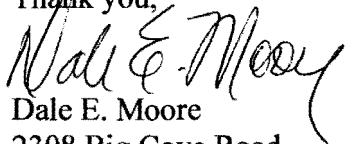
I expected school zone lines to be re-drawn as part of negotiations and agreements in the Proposed Consent order in the above stated case. However, I also anticipated that some redrawing would make changes that are illogical and in need of correction. A case in point is the proposed new southern boundary of the Blossomwood Elementary School Zone. (See attachment enclosed)

The re-zoning map shows that part of the south boundary for Blossomwood Elementary School follows Governors Drive, a major four lane U.S. highway. This is a logical divide because children on the south side will not typically cross major highways to interact with children on the north side. However, the south boundary arbitrarily jumps from Governors Drive, across a residential property in Blossomwood to Big Cove Road. That line continues straight up Big Cove Road separating homes that are in the same neighborhood and that share the same street. The result is that one side will attend Blossomwood and one side will attend Monte Sano. This action will prevent children who live in the same neighborhood, on the same street; from developing early friendships in elementary school for 7+ years because they will go their separate ways with separate schools, separate carpools, separate afterschool activities but live on the same street.

The way in which the south boundary has been drawn adversely impacts 64 homes organic to the Blossomwood neighborhood forcing them to Monte Sano Elementary. These houses were developed as part of the Blossomwood neighborhood. This makes no sense.

During final discussion of the Proposed Consent order and the rezoning of the Blossomwood Elementary School line, I respectfully ask that you request a change to this boundary and keep this neighborhood section in the Blossomwood School district. Or at the very least, make this area a gray area allowing a choice for the homeowner-Blossomwood Elementary or Monte Sano Elementary.

Thank you,


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